

CONTINUATION APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM

PATENT  
Docket No 99-426CON1  
Prior Application 09/654,365

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Anticipated Classification  
Of this Application:

<b>Class</b>	<b>SubClass</b>	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
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To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

This is a request for filing a Continuation of a utility application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 09/654,365 filed on 9/1/00 for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCORE NORMALIZATION FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL APPLICATIONS. The benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

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2. X Enclosed are 6 sheets of formal drawings.
3. X Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement.
4. X Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment to the Application.
5. X Cancel without prejudice or disclaimer in this application claims 2-27 of the prior original application before calculating the filing fee (at least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
6. X The filing fee is calculated below based on the claim structure resulting from the enclosed Preliminary Amendment:

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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	1	\$84.00	\$84.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$996.00

7. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee, any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **07-2339**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

8. X The prior application is assigned of record to BBNT Solutions LLC. A copy of the Assignment by the inventors to BBNT Solutions LLC is enclosed, which was recorded 12/21/2000 at Reel 11409, Frame 0506.
9. X The powers appear in the original papers in the parent (09/654,365) application (copies enclosed).
10. X A nonpublication request is enclosed.
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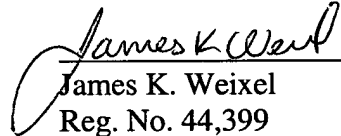
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In re application of: Huaichuan Hubert Jin et al.  
Application No.: 09/654,365 Group No.: 2175  
Filed: September 1, 2000 Examiner: A.M. Mofiz  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCORE NORMALIZATION FOR INFORMATION  
RETRIEVAL APPLICATIONS

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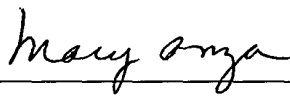
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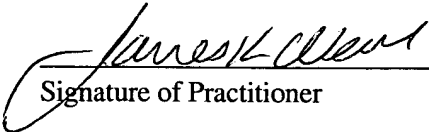
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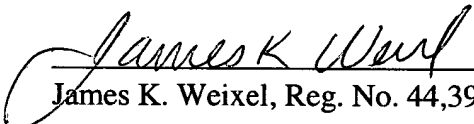
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For (title): METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCORE NORMALIZATION FOR  
INFORMATION RETRIEVAL APPLILCATIONS

REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not been and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

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